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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION--ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT U.S. CITIZENS

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1. GDR IS CONTINUING ITS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT
DETERRING POTENTIAL EXFILTRATORS AND EXFILTREES, AS
WELL AS AT PUTTING PRESSURE ON SENAT AND FRG TO TAKE
MEASURES AGAINST EXFILTRATION ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION
TO ISSUING ALMOST DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ARRESTS ON
AUTOBAHN, GDR HAS NOW ALSO BEGUN TO PUBLISH REPORTS
ABOUT TRIALS OF FRG AND WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS ACCUSED
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OF "MISUSE OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT.". SENTENCES METED OUT

THUS FAR ARE SEVERE, RANGING FROM FOUR TO SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT AND GREATLY EXCEEDING MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS UNDER RELEVANT PROVISION OF GDR PENAL CODE (ARTICLE 105).

2. IN ANOTHER INNOVATION, GDR MADE ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF LATEST TRIAL, INVOLVING TWO WEST GERMANS AND ONE WEST BERLINER, AND INVITED TEN WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS TO ATTEND PROCEEDINGS. TRIAL, WHICH BEGAN TODAY, ALSO BEING GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BY ADN WIRE SERVICE. ONE REASON FOR ABANDONMENT OF USUAL GDR SECRECY MAY BE DESIRE GIVE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY TO ALLEGATIONS ABOUT INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THIS CASE. ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN WIRE SERVICE DPA, IN TESTIFYING THIS MORNING ONE OF DEFENDANTS NAMED TWO INDIVIDUALS-- SMITH AND SUMMERVILLE -- AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN EXFILTRATION FROM EAST TO WEST BERLIN AND IDENTIFIED THEM AS MEMBERS OF US FORCES.

3. AS REPORTED REF A, WE HAD PREVIOUS INDICATION OF SUMMERVILLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN EXFILTRATION OPERATIONS. WITH REGARD TO SMITH, ANONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES LAST AUGUST MENTIONED ONE "SMITTY", WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE RAY SMITH, AS ONE OF SUMMERVILLE'S ASSOCIATES IN SUCH OPERATIONS. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT SUMMERVILLE WAS NOT MEMBER OF U.S. FORCES. WE ARE CHECKING FURTHER ON IDENTITY AND STATUS OF SMITH.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED CONCERNING DPA REPORT, WE STATED THAT QUOTE WE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON ANY ALLEGATIONS BEING MADE IN CONNECTION WITH A TRAIL OF THE KIND NOW APPARENTLY TAKING PLACE IN EAST BERLIN. UNQUOTE. WE WILL REPLY IN SIMILAR MANNER TO ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES ON SUBJECT.

5. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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